

Springdale Fire Department

Policy & Procedures Manual

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Section 203 – Fire Operations

203.11 Calling for a Fire Investigator

The Incident Commander in charge of a fire scene shall determine whether an investigation by the Fire Prevention Division is warranted. In most situations, provided Car 6 is in service, a fire investigation by the Fire Prevention Division will be conducted. The following list provides example situations when the Fire Prevention Division should be dispatched to the scene.

- When reasonable belief exists that the fire is of incendiary origin regardless of the size of the fire or the resulting damage.
- When the fire cause appears to be suspicious.
- When the fire cause is related to child fire play.
- When burn injuries, or a human fatality is involved.
- Any illegal burn that may warrant the immediate issuance of a notice of violation and/or citation.
- Fires where the fire cause, area of fire origin, materials first ignited, or the ignition source cannot be identified.
- Any explosions.

If the Incident Commander determines that an investigation by the Fire Prevention Division is warranted, the IC shall first attempt to contact Car 6 on the primary dispatch channel and request a response. After normal business hours, the Fire Officer may request assistance from dispatch to contact Car 6 by cellular phone (263-4236), or by dispatching Car 6 to the incident by activating the alert tone for Station 6.

Should Car 6 not be available for response (i.e. out of service), the Fire Marshal, Car 4 should be notified in the following manner:

1. By radio using the primary dispatch channel.
2. By calling his Cell Phone, 263-4231.
3. By calling his Home Phone, 927-3817.

If both Car 4 and Car 6 are not available for response, the Incident Commander should have dispatch contact the Assistant Fire Chief, or the Fire Chief for further direction.